

**THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO. _____ **DATE** _____

APPROVED _____ **MAYOR**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WARWICK’S APPLICATION
FOR FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (EDI)
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE CONIMICUT SHOALS
LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, The Conimicut Shoals Lighthouse, established in 1868, is a symbol of Rhode Island’s rich maritime heritage and is associated with a long history of efforts to protect shipping in and out of the rocky waters of Narragansett Bay. The lighthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places on March 30, 1988; and

WHEREAS, The Conimicut Shoals Lighthouse was acquired by the City in 2004. It is now in need of significant repairs and restoration in order to support Rhode Island’s shipping, trades, and recreation boating economy and ensure the continued safety of all those on the Bay; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to preserve this historic landmark for future generations, educate local residents and visitors about the history and significance of this working lighthouse, and bolster the prominence of this iconic state landmark to help support the state and local tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has grants available through its Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding program, and the City has identified the restoration of the lighthouse and construction of an ADA-compliant, interpretive educational kiosk in nearby Conimicut Point Park as an appropriate investment of these funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council strongly supports the application to the EDI Community Project Funding Program to ensure that Conimicut Shoals Lighthouse continues to be a cultural and historic landmark for the benefit of all Rhode Islanders.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MCELORY

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